

## AveTools v3.0 [3-Jun-2014]

ENSDF evaluation tool to calculate averages  
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### Introduction

The program AveTools combines three different statistical methods to calculate averages of experimental data with uncertainties. These include:

- a) LWM - Limitation of Relative Statistical Weight
- b) NRM - Normalised Residual Method
- c) RT - Rajeval Technique
- d) Bootstrap method
- e) Mandel-Paule approach

A detailed description of the methods used can be found in the following references:

**LWM, NRM, RT** [1992Ra08] M.U. Rajput and T.D. MacMahon, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. **A312** (1992) 289

**Bootstrap** [2002He06] O. Helene and V.R. Vanin  
Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. **A481** (2002) 626

**Mandel-Paule** [2011Ch22] J. Chen, S.D. Geraedts, C. Quellet, B. Singh  
Applied Radiation and Isotopes **69** (2011) 1069

The program is based on LWEIGHT v1.3, EV4 and RajNew codes developed by D. MacMahon (Imperial Collage Reactor Centre, London, UK) and E. Browne (LBL, Berkeley, USA). The Mandel-Paule code was developed by J. Chen (McMaster, Canada)

### Input data file

The input data is given in blocks. Each block may contain up to 500 data points. A data point contains

- a) **Label** (maximum of 40 characters long with NO embedded spaces)
- b) **X-value** (a numerical value in free format: 147, 147.0 or 1.47E+2)
- c) **Symmetric Uncertainty in Nuclear Data Sheets style** (a maximum of two digits integer)

They can be given in free format separated by space(s) characters, for example:

**1969He19 0.00444 21**

The structure of a data block is

<b>Title</b> (max 132 characters)
<b>X-title</b> (max 40 character)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Data Point</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Data Point</b>
....

## 500<sup>th</sup> Data Point

Data blocks starting with # (**hash character or number sign**) will be skipped in the numerical calculations. **Lines starting with #** can be used to insert comments into the input file.

The program will verify each data entry. An error message with the line number in the input file will be generated if an error is detected.

In cases, when X-values are identical in a data set, no real calculation can be carried out, however the program will attempt to evaluate the (internal) uncertainties.

Several data blocks can be combined with a line containing **\*NEW** (not case sensitive)

A sample data file (Avetoolst.in) looks like:

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198Au T1/2 data from 2011Ch22 J. Chen et al., Appl. Radiat. Isot.
69, 1064 (2011)
T1/2[days]
# User comments can be inserted with a line starting with "#"
# Make sure data entry LABELS have no embedded space character!
# Data points with no uncertainties are excluded
#Amaldi_etal.(1935)          2.7
#McMillan_etal.(1937)        2.7
#Pool_etal.(1937)            2.5
#Sherr_etal.(1941)           2.7
Diemer_Groendijk(1946)       2.73      2
#Seren_etal.(1947)           2.7
#Saxon_(1948)                2.66      1
Saxon_Heller(1949)           2.69      2
#Steffan_etal.(1949)         2.7
Cavanagh_etal.(1951)         2.66      1
Sinclair_Holloway(1951)      2.73      1
Silver_(1951)                2.69      1
Lockett_Thomas(1953)         2.697     3
Bell_Yaffe(1954)             2.699     3
Tobailem_(1955b)             2.686     5
#Tobailem_(1955a)            2.686     5
Johansson_(1956)            2.697     5
Sastre_Price(1956)           2.694     6
Keene_(1958)                 2.704     4
Robert_(1960)                2.699     4
Starodubtsev_etal.(1963)     2.687     5
Anspach_etal.(1965)          2.694     4
Goodier_(1968)               2.695     7
Lagoutine_etal.(1968)        2.697     5
Reynolds_etal.(1968)         2.693     5
Vuorinen_Kaloinen(1969)      2.695     2
Cabell_Wilkins(1969)         2.6946    10
CostaPaivaandMartinho(1970)  2.696     4
Debertin_(1971)              2.693     3
Hoppes_etal.(1982)           2.695     2
Rutledge_etal.(1982)         2.6935    4
Abzouzi_etal.(1990)          2.6966    7
# Unterweger`s 1992 paper superseded
#Unterweger_etal.(1992)       2.69517    21
Mignonsin_(1994)             2.6837    50
Unterweger_Lindstrom(2004)   2.69573    30

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Lindstrom_etal.(2005)	2.6924	11
Novkovic_etal.(2006)	2.6947	6
Goodwin_etal.(2007)	2.6949	8
Spillane_etal.(2007)	2.706	19
Kumar_etal.(2008)	2.6971	20
Ruprecht_etal.(2008)	2.6939	4
Fortak_etal.(2010)	2.684	4
Goodwin_etal.(2010)	2.6948	9
#Lindstrom_etal.(2010)	2.6910	4
# second data set		
*NEW		
59Co 1099.245 CC		
ECC		
1952ME53 1.94E-4 7		
1953HI02 1.84E-4 27		
1964CO34 1.36E-4 10		

The minimum number of data points is 2, however the Rajeval Technique is required a minimum of 3 data points.

## Terminal dialogue

The program can be run interactively, i.e. no input file is required and the data, including title, label, values and associated uncertainties will be written into the data file. This is shown in the figure below. The user has the choice to use default file names (avetools.in, avetools.rpt) or use different ones. The program options will enable or disable a more detailed list of the calculations and to automatically reject discrepant data. Note, that the data labels are generated automatically, but they can be modified after the program run completed.

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Command Prompt
C:\Tibor\ENSDF\AveTools>avetools
AveTools v1.2 [18-Jun-2008]
AveTools calculates averages of experimental data using statistical methods of
(a) LWM - Limitation of Relative Statistical Weight
(b) NRM - Normalised Residual Method
(c) RT - Rajeval Technique
Reference: M.U. Rajput and T.D. MacMahon
NucL. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. A312 (1992) 289
Based on LWEIGHT v1.3, EV4 and RajNew programs developed by
D. MacMahon (Imperial Collage Reactor Centre, London, UK) and
E. Browne (LBL, Berkeley, USA)
*** Interactive mode, data will be entered on the console ***
Data File to be created (Def: avetools.in):
The Input File already Exists
[Allter, [O]verwrite or [S]top (Def: [O]):
Output Report File (Def: avetools.rpt):
The Output File already Exists
[Allter, [O]verwrite or [S]top (Def: [O]):
Report all adjustments of uncertainties (Def: N):
Reject discrepant data (Def: N):

Title [Data file created on 18-Jun-2008]:ICC data
Data set: ICC data
Data label [Value]:ERC
Enter a maximum of 500 data points
- Data Value and Unc in NDS style, separated by the space character
- Enter QUIT to terminate data entry
Data#1 1.23 4
Data#2 1.27 8
Data#3 1.32 5
Data#4 1.35 9
Data#5 1.27 8
Data#6 quit

***** S U M M A R Y *****
AveTools v1.2 [18-Jun-2008] run on 18-Jun-2008
Input File: avetools.in
Title: ICC data
Average of: ERC

(a) LWM - Limitation of Relative Statistical Weight method
LWM - Number of Input Values: 5
LWM - UnWeighted Mean: +1.2880 (211)
LWM - Weighted Mean: +1.273 (27) [Internal Uncertainty]
LWM - Weighted Mean: +1.2733 (218) [External Uncertainty]
LWM - Mean: +1.273 (27)
LWM - has used UNWEIGHTED average and VARIANCE
LWM - Chi**2/N-1: 0.69
LWM - Chi**2/N-1(critical, @99% confidence): 3.32

(b) NRM - Normalised Residual Method
NRM - Number of Input Values: 5
NRM - Uncertainties are multiplied by Birge ratio
NRM - Mean: +1.273 (27)
NRM - Final Chi**2/N-1: 0.69
NRM - Chi**2/N-1(critical& @95% confidence): 2.37

(c) RT - Rajeval Technique
RT - Number of Input Values ADOPTED: 5
RT - Number of Input Values MARKED for REJECTION: 0
RT - Mean: +1.280 (28)
RT - Final Chi**2/N-1: 0.59

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For detailed calculation report see the avetools.rpt file
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Alternatively all arguments can be given in the command line, including input and output file names, and switches. Using “:” (colon) instead of the output file name will create an output file name from the input file name by replacing the extension with an “rpt”.

Program switches:

- a Report all adjustments of uncertainties
- r Reject (exclude) discrepant data (default: NO)

Typical program dialogue, using the sample input file, Discrepant.in, is shown below.

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Command Prompt
C:\Tibor\ENSDF\AveTools>avetools Discrepant.in
AveTools v1.2 [18-Jun-2008]
AveTools calculates averages of experimental data using statistical methods of
  (a) LWM - Limitation of Relative Statistical Weight
  (b) NRM - Normalised Residual Method
  (c) RT - Rajeval Technique
Reference: M.U. Rajput and I.D. MacMahon
          Nucl. Instr. and Meth. in Phys. Res. A312 (1992) 289
Based on LWEIGHT v1.3, EV4 and RajNew programs developed by
          D. MacMahon (Imperial Collage Reactor Centre, London, UK) and
          E. Browne (LBL, Berkeley, USA)
Input data File: Discrepant.in
Output Report File (Def: Discrepant.rpt):
The Output File already Exists
[Allter, [O]verwrite or [S]top (Def: [O])]:
Report adjustments of uncertainties: N
Reject discrepant data: N
Data set: 59Co 1099.245 ECC

***** S U M M A R Y *****
AveTools v1.2 [18-Jun-2008] run on 18-Jun-2008
Input File: Discrepant.in
Title: 59Co 1099.245 ECC
Average of: ECC

(a) LWM - Limitation of Relative Statistical Weight method
LWM - Number of Input Values: 3
UWM - UnWeighted Mean: +0.0001713 (179)
WM - Weighted Mean: +0.0001679 (67) [Internal Uncertainty]
WM - Weighted Mean: +0.0001679 (201) [External Uncertainty]
LWM - Mean: +0.000168 (27)
LWM - has used WEIGHTED average and expanded the uncertainty so range
LWM - includes the most precise value of: +1.94E-4 (9) 1952ME53
LWM - Chi**2/N-1: 9.14
LWM - Chi**2/N-1(critical, @99% confidence): 4.61

(b) NRM - Normalised Residual Method
NRM - Number of Input Values: 3
NRM - Uncertainties are multiplied by Birge ratio
NRM - Mean: +0.0001727 (143)
NRM - Final Chi**2/N-1: 1.59
NRM - Chi**2/N-1(critical& @95% confidence): 3.00

(c) RT - Rajeval Technique
RT - Number of Input Values ADOPTED: 3
RT - Number of Input Values MARKED for REJECTION: 0
RT - Mean: +0.0001916 (85)
RT - Final Chi**2/N-1: 0.61
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Data set: 111CD 245.395 EKC/ELC

***** S U M M A R Y *****
AveTools v1.2 [18-Jun-2008] run on 18-Jun-2008
Input File: Discrepant.in
Title: 111CD 245.395 EKC/ELC
Average of: EKC/ELC

(a) LWM - Limitation of Relative Statistical Weight method
LWM - Number of Input Values: 2
UWM - UnWeighted Mean: +10.90 (105)
WM - Weighted Mean: +10.895 (191) [Internal Uncertainty]
WM - Weighted Mean: +10.89 (105) [External Uncertainty]
LWM - Mean: +10.89 (105)
LWM - has used WEIGHTED average and EXTERNAL uncertainty
LWM - Chi**2/N-1: 29.96
LWM - Chi**2/N-1(critical, @99% confidence): 6.63

(b) NRM - Normalised Residual Method
NRM - Number of Input Values: 2
NRM - Uncertainties are multiplied by Birge ratio
NRM - Mean: +10.88 (74)
NRM - Final Chi**2/N-1: 2.02
NRM - Chi**2/N-1(critical& @95% confidence): 3.84

(c) RT - Rajeval Technique
RT - A minimum of 3 data entries are required to use the Rajeval Technique
RT - Skipping
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Calculations finished
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## Calculation report file

Detailed calculation report is given for all three statistical methods used, followed by a summary. The calculation summary is displayed on the Terminal console.

## Code description

The program is written in FORTRAN. The original numerical procedures of LWEIGHT, EV4 and RAJNEW have been ported to F90 and modified significantly. The program uses a modified version of the NNDCLib F90 library (dated November 19, 2003) and kindly provided C.L. Dunford (NNDC).

Critical reduced  $\chi^2$  values are evaluated using the DCDFLIB, “*Library of Fortran Routines for Cumulative Distribution Functions, Inverses, and Other Parameters*” (February, 1994) by Barry W. Brown, James Lovato and Kathy Russell, Department of Biomathematics, Box 237, The University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center 1515 Holcombe Boulevard Houston, TX 77030.

The program was developed on MS Windows, using MS Visual studio and Intel FORTRAN 90 compiler.

## Program distribution and installation

Avetools is distributed for Windows, Linux and MAC OS. The following files are included:

- AveTools.exe
- AveTools.in (sample input)
- AveTools.rpt (calculation report file)
- AveTools.pdf (program manual, this file)

Windows all steps of the installation are automated using Inno Setup utility, which will create a program group and append the installation directory to the PATH.

On Linux and MAC the files are distributed as a single TAR file. Please add the installation directory to the path manually.

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